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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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And when ye stand praying,

FORGIVE

if ye have ought against any:
that your Father also which is
in heaven may forgive
you your trespasses. But

if ye do NOT forgive,
neither will your Father
which is in heaven
forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25-26

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Left in Crete

Paul called Titus his, “own son after the common faith” (Titus 1:4). Likely, he was a convert of Paul, similar to Timothy whom Paul called his “own son in the faith” (1 Tim. 1:2). While Timothy’s mother was a Jewess and his father a Greek (Acts 16:1-3), Titus had Greek parents (Gal. 2:3). Paul refused to circumcise Titus, not yielding even for a moment to the demands of the Judaizing teachers who troubled the early church by demanding the Gentiles be circumcised and keep the law of Moses (Gal. 2:3-5; Acts 15:1-29). Titus was up against this type of trouble when Paul left him in Crete (Titus 1:5, 10, 14).

Paul had journeyed with Titus to Crete, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, and left him there to “set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city” (Titus 1:5). Paul gave an apostolic charge to Titus to finish some work in the churches of Crete. Paul had confidence in Titus. He could send him to congregations knowing he would walk in the same spirit and steps as the apostle himself (2 Cor. 12:18). Titus would, no doubt, give teaching so the congregations were sound in the faith. Also, every city with a congregation of the Lord’s church needed elders; Titus was charged with making sure qualified men were selected as leaders of each newly-planted congregation as Paul and Barnabas had done in Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch (Acts 14:20-23).

Among the qualifications Paul listed for these men in Titus 1:6-9 (cf. 1 Tim. 3:1-7), was the attribute of “holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers” (Titus 1:9). Paul then explained the reason for this:

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake. One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith (Titus 1:10-13).

False teachers, especially the aforementioned Judaizing teachers, were troubling the churches in Crete with valueless words—speaking with no substance. They deceived minds, causing entire households—houses being a regular meeting place for first-century congregations (Rom. 16:5)—to be troubled with no elders to defend the truth.

These false teachers would slip into these house meetings and not only promulgate false doctrine, but also make money off those present. Religious charlatans speak for base gain. They fleece the flock in order to line their own pockets. What about the exorbitant lifestyles of certain preachers today who are continually asking their poor audiences to give more to them? Many of this sort were in Crete. Paul evidently quotes Epimenides, a Greek poet who lived about 600 BC; he was regarded by the unbelieving as a prophet. While he was not a prophet of God, this much he said, according to Paul, was true: “The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies” (Titus 1:12). The lies these false teachers told to make money, live a gluttonous lifestyle, and pursue bestial passions fits this picture.

Thus, Paul encourages Titus and the elders who held the faithful word to “rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith” (Titus 1:13). There is a time for correction that cuts. Notice that the intention of this censure is so that the false teachers would be converted and be sound in the faith. Are we confident enough with the word of God that we could, if the situation presents itself, put to silence false teaching by a bold, sound appeal to the Scriptures? There may be times in your life when you are “left in Crete,” where you are left to stand for the truth and teach others to do the same. —Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: "The Mission of the Church"
6:00 PM: "Preachers Answer Bible Questions"

Dates to Remember

Sep 30– Jessica & Chris Miller Wedding reception–3-5p–annex- (gift cards only)
Sep 30– Oct 3– Olive Hill Revival with Melvin Sapp (Sumter, SC) M-W 7p
Oct 2– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 8-10– 10th & Vine Gospel Meeting with Andy Robison– (Ironton) -7p
Oct 9– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 13– North Lex. Ladies Day w/ Celine Sparks, 9am– sign-up on foyer board- RSVP required, lunch provided
Oct 16– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 21– elder/deacon/preacher meet-4:30p
Oct 23– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 26– Ladies Luncheon-12 p
Oct 27– Trunk O' Treat/ Chili Supper-6p
Oct 30– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mark Your Calendar

Nov 1-3– Rome Youth Conference– 6-8p
Nov 4– Bring A Friend Day & potluck
Dec 1– Scott family pancake breakfast–8a
Dec 8– Ladies Holiday Party @ Kathy Hall's home– 6p

Gauging Our Faith

	09/23/18	Goal	09/24/17
Bible Study	92	110	115
AM Worship	136	160	150
PM Worship	87	110	104
Mid Week	94	110	101
Contribution:	\$4920.75	\$5900.00	\$5498.06

New Members

Last Sunday, Chris, Liza, Jesse and Silas Legg placed membership with our congregation. Their address is 4925 Beavers Ridge Road, Peebles, OH 45660. Chris's cell number is (740) 222-1627. Liza's cell number is (740) 941-9022. Please, make note in your member directories. Due to distance, they will mainly attend Sunday mornings and go to Elm Grove in Ohio for other services.

Reception for Chris & Jessica Miller

Everyone (children included) is invited to a wedding reception to honor Chris and Jessica (Felty) Miller on their recent wedding. The event will be this afternoon from 3 to 5pm in the annex auditorium. See Denise Smith & Holly Poling for further details.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10a.m. in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the group. Everyone, high school age and above, available at this time is welcome to attend.

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?**



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Chris Scott

PM: Denny Deskins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: J.C. Hughes

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
Jordan Conley, David Smith,
Jerrad Nickell, Jason Fouts,
David Castle, Auston Clarkson

Presiding PM: Daniel Goshorn

Assisting: Nathan Adkins

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: George Wallace

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Daniel Goshorn

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

☆☆ Every Sunday ☆☆

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front auditorium

**geared to age 12 & younger,
but everyone can come.**

-Boys: have a song ready to lead-

☆☆ Nov 1-3 ☆☆

Rome church of Christ

Youth Leadership Conference

6-8pm each night

middle & high school students

**-Transportation can be provided if needed-
Speak with Mark Day if you are interested**



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a **first-time visitor** with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you find on the back of the pew. Please, put it in the collection plate or hand it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending. Come back anytime!